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ON THE JOB . . . The city's high school students took over city hall yesterday as the city observed its ninth annual Junior Citizens' Day. Working at last night's council meeting in place of City Clerk Vernon W. Coil was Wayne Sabo of West High, while Edith Shaffer's job of recording council minutes was handed to Janet Douds of Torrance High. Here, the duo notes some hints on their respective jobs. (Press-Herald Photo)

For Two Weeks

City Blocks Plan For New Rest Home

Is Torrance Boulevard a proper site for the construction of a convalescent home? Torrance Councilmen decided it is not—at least for two weeks—during their meeting last night and adopted an emergency ordinance which prohibits construction of any convalescent home in a C-3 zone. During the next two weeks, the council will study the problem and reconsider the matter Dec. 14.

At issue is the proposed construction of a 90-bed convalescent home at Earl Street and Torrance Boulevard. The site adjoins a five-story medical building which doctors hope is only the first part of a major medical complex.

DOCTORS in the medical building oppose the convalescent home on grounds that it "would hurt Torrance Boulevard." But the opposition is complicated by their desire to purchase the property in question for a new medical building.

Councilman J. A. Beasley said he doesn't feel Torrance Boulevard "is proper place for a convalescent home." And Mayor Albert Isen agreed.

Other councilmen, however, fear that their interference now would hurt the unnamed property owner, thus forcing him into a position more favorable to the doctors' negotiation for the property.

"We recognize what you can do," Councilman H. Ted Olson said, "but where does the individual come in?"

"WE WANT to do the best for the city," Ken Miller added, "but we want to protect this man."

David K. Lyman put it more bluntly. Said Lyman, "You're asking us to hit this man on the head so you can negotiate with him."

The property in question is now zoned C-3, a zone in which convalescent hospitals and rest homes are permitted. The property owner also may construct any one of several other commercial facilities without going before the City Council.

LYMAN SUGGESTED the emergency ordinance be adopted pending a study in the area. His colleagues agreed, so no building permits may be issued until the council again takes up the matter. "I don't like it," Isen declared, "but there's a greater good here. We have to think of the greater interest of Torrance Boulevard."

The ordinance was adopted unanimously and becomes effective immediately, but Isen ordered the matter placed on the council agenda for Dec. 14 when councilmen will review the entire problem.

IN OTHER matters, the council:

- Approved a parking variance for a proposed 14-story high rise building at Madrona Street and Torrance Boulevard. The variance will require parking based on a new city ordinance and determined by actual use of the building.

we may be in a position to sell more bonds some years than other years, it won't raise taxes," he declared.

"Because the school district currently is bonded to capacity and intends to remain so," he said, "the tax rate will remain consistent."

Dr. Hull said the portion of school taxes used to retire bonds will continue to vary up and down in about the same 15-cent range which has been the pattern in recent years. "Some years it will be closer to 90 cents and some years closer to \$1.05," Dr. Hull said, "but it will be covering a rather consistent \$1 over the year."

He reminded principals that the city has increased its wealth by about seven times since the school district was founded in 1947, but said the city now has 16 times the number of children to educate.

Class size in the first, second, and third grades are being reduced to 30 students under terms of a new state law, he added.

Projects to be financed from the \$12.5 million bond issue, include two new elementary schools, purchase of two new school sites, a vocational education center, additions at each of the four high schools, classroom additions at six elementary schools, eight remedial reading classrooms, remodeling of administration buildings at 10 elementary schools, and additions to the district's central offices.

Also included are construction of special classrooms for handicapped children and the addition of storage facilities and conference rooms at all 34 elementary schools.

High school programs call for additions ranging from new classroom buildings and an auto shop at South High to completion of the West High plant and remodeling at both North and Torrance high schools.

Bond Vote Paperwork Completed

Paperwork for the Feb. 8, 1966, school bond election was completed yesterday during an adjourned meeting of the Board of Education.

Board President Mrs. Kenneth Watts and trustees Dr. Kurt Shery and William J. Hanson unanimously approved a resolution putting a \$12.5 million general school construction bond issue on the ballot.

A second resolution placing a \$1 million bond proposal on the ballot also won unanimous approval of the three members present. It calls for funds for swimming pools at each of the city's high schools.

In a second action, trustees awarded a contract for two new portable classrooms to Mobile Rentals Corp. of El Monte. The two classroom facilities, to be purchased at a cost of \$22,888, will be used at Meadow Park School.

Thomas Hall Listed in 'Who's Who'

Thomas Ray Hall has been named one of six seniors to represent King College, Bristol, Tenn., in the 1965-66 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities."

Hall, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Estel R. Hall of 20955 Halldale Ave., is captain of the King College basketball team and a member of the golf team.

He also serves as business manager of the Tornado, the college annual, and is treasurer of the senior class.

A math major, he is a member of Beta Tau Kappa, campus honor society.

Offices Closed

Public offices, most business houses, and offices of the Press-Herald will be closed tomorrow, Thanksgiving Day.

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STREET CREW AT WORK . . . This scene has been repeated many times in the past 10 days as city crews worked—sometimes around the clock—to keep streets open and to divert impounded water before it could cause more than nuisance damage. Here street crews pump water away from Madrona Avenue while traffic continues to slosh through the knee-deep pond. (Press-Herald Photo)

Judge Tells Students to Thank Those in Viet Nam

"We owe those representing us in Viet Nam a great debt," Superior Court Judge William E. MacFadden told the participants in Junior Citizens' Day last night.

Judge MacFadden, presiding judge of the county's Juvenile Division of Superior Court, was the principal speaker at a banquet honoring students who took part in yesterday's events.

"Democracy is not a privilege," Judge MacFadden declared. "It is a trust we must maintain."

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Weather Guesser Says So

November's record rainfall, which has dumped nearly 8 inches of rain on Torrance in the past 10 days, is here for a few days more, official weather forecasts said this morning.

Intermittent rains were forecast throughout today, increasing to heavy rains tonight, and continuing with showers and gusty winds on Thanksgiving Day.

THE PERIOD'S second major rainstorm which arrived early Monday was blamed for putting traffic control signals at Hawthorne Boulevard and 190th Street out of operation Monday, creating a giant traffic snarl that at one point had cars stacked up on Hawthorne south of Del Amo Boulevard.

The rains also forced the closing of Rolling Hills Road between Crenshaw Boulevard and Palos Verdes Drive North, and the storm has continued the closing of Sepulveda Boulevard between Western and Normandie avenues.

BLUFF STREET property which last week threatened a number of homes in the area with oozing mud now is under control, City Engineer Walter Nollac told the Press-Herald last night.

At the same time, developer J. H. Barton, who said the unseasonal rains caught his project just two days short of completing a drainage system, had high praise for the cooperation of the residents in the community along Bluff Street and Newton Street. About 25 families in the area received Thanksgiving turkeys from Barton for their help and cooperation.

IN A REPORT to City Engineer Nollac, Barton said inspection of his development after last week's heavy rain— (Continued on Page 4)

Lighting Contest Planned - - -

A Christmas lighting contest sponsored by the Riviera Homeowners Association has been announced by Dr. Charles O. Hopkins, the group's president. A committee under the chairmanship of John Haidinger will establish categories for awards and criteria for judging, Dr. Hopkins said. All residents of the Riviera are being invited to enter.

Street Names Changed - - -

Torrance got in step with the rest of Los Angeles County last night when the City Council voted to change the name of Hawthorne Avenue. The new name, Hawthorne Boulevard, is consistent with the street's name in other cities. The change was occasioned by the opening of new section of Hawthorne Boulevard across the Palos Verdes Peninsula. As a result, old Hawthorne, extending southwesterly from Newton Street into the city of Palos Verdes Estates, also will get a new name. It'll be known as Via Valmonte.

100th Birthday Party Set - - -

Harvey P. Welborn, who was born in Kentucky a century ago, will celebrate his 100th birthday with friends at the 11 a.m. worship service Sunday at the Community Baptist Church of Lomita. Welborn and his wife, Marion, will be honored after the services at a reception at the church Fellowship Hall. A letter from President Johnson and other tributes will be presented at that time. Full detail of the event may be found in today's Press-Herald on Page C-1.

Trash Pickup Days Changed

Rubbish pickup schedules will be changed for the rest of the week beginning tomorrow, City Engineer Walter Nollac reported this morning. With city crews taking Thanksgiving Day off, the regular Thursday trash pickup schedules will be moved to Friday, and Friday's schedules, to Saturday. Normal scheduling will be resumed on Monday, Nollac said.